

Charter Amendment Guide

for

School Schedule

Maine Charter School Commission

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Augusta, Maine

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**Maine Charter School Commission
Charter Amendment Cover Sheet
Request to Amend School Schedule**

School Information

Date of Request	7-21-17
School Name and Mailing Address	Maine Academy of Natural Science 13 Easler Rd Hinckley, ME 04944
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Provide a brief narrative description of the Request to Change the School's Schedule

Given our collaboration with other charter schools in our region to share transportation costs, we need to align our daily arrival and departure times for students using school provided transportation.

The other two schools with whom we are coordinating this work have later departures times on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, and an earlier departure time on Fridays.

MeANS is committed to maintain the school calendar days as previously set by the Board and submitted to the Charter Commission. However, MeANS is seeking approval to extend the instructional time on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, by 15 minutes for each of those days and reduce the instruction time by 45 minutes on Fridays so that transportation system can align.

The school's completed Amendment Request must be submitted to the Maine Charter School Commission in printed and electronic form. Please submit one original version with required signatures and an electronic version via email to the below addresses:

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Amendment to School's Schedule

- Describe why the school has proposed a change to its schedule.

The reason for this request is to make collaboration with the other two Charter Schools in the region for shared transportation possible.
- Provide a redlined copy of the proposed changes to the current schedule. Provide a clean copy to the proposed change.

Current	Proposed
8:00-1:30 Tuesday	8:00-1:45 Tuesday
8:00-1:30 Wednesday	8:00-1:45 Wednesday
8:00-1:30 Thursday	8:00-1:45 Thursday
8:00-1:30 Friday	8:00-12:45 Friday

- Describe how the change will improve the school's academic program and operation, and better realize the school's mission and vision.
 - Longer instructional period after lunch three days a week will allow for deeper learning experiences during that session.
 - We anticipate an increase in participation in our after school programming which is at no cost to the family. There is capacity within that existing structure to absorb more students. Our after school programming will be 1:45 until bus departure instead of beginning at 1:30 like it does now. The bus departure times will be between 3:00-3:30 depending on the student's transportation hub location.
 - Friday afternoons from 12:45-3:30 will be used for our staff collaboration meetings, which will include content area meetings, interdisciplinary team meetings, and all staff professional development or meetings. Having all of these meetings on the same day will allow for flexibility to schedule longer chunks of meeting time as needed by the type of task.
 - This also has the potential of expanding the transportation hub options available to all students at the collaborating Charters.
- Describe any budgetary impacts associated with the proposed schedule change, and if incurring additional costs, how those costs will be addressed.

Sharing transportation services is estimated to save an anticipated minimum of \$40,000. There is potential of perhaps twice those savings with refinement for all three schools.